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Nine Firefighters Prepare to Graduate from Tri-Cities Recruit Academy

State Fire Marshal Michael Matlick is announcing that nine firefighters are preparing to graduate from the decentralized Firefighter I and II Training Program. This program was held in the Tri-Cities area at the Hammer facilities in Richland, Washington. Graduation ceremonies will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at the Hammer facility and starts at 10:00 am.

On February 28, 2008, ten candidates started the 12 week program that meets the National Fire Protection Association 1001 Standards for certification at the Firefighter I, II and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations level. Nine firefighters will attain International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) for Firefighter I, II and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations level. This graduating class is composed of five career and three volunteer firefighters and one self-sponsored recruit. These firefighters represent five departments.

The following fire departments and districts are represented in the upcoming graduating class:

Eastside Fire & Rescue	(1)	Fire Training Academy –self-sponsored	(1)
Kennewick Fire Department	(2)	King County Fire District #2	(1)
King County Fire District #45	(1)	Hanford Fire Department	(3)

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For more information on the Fire Training Academy, contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal at (360) 753-0400.